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Telegrams.

THE PLAGUE.

ANOTHER HEROIC EUROPEAN DOCTOR DIES.

TSIN-FU RAILWAY INFECTED.

25,000 DIE IN ONE CITY.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.]

Tientsin, Jan. 25, 4.50 p.m.

The plague is continuing to spread, and bad news is arriving here from many districts.

I learn from Harbin that a Russian priest has succumbed in the infected area. By order of the authorities the body has been burned.

The situation at Mukden has become much worse.

Fifty-eight cases of plague were reported yesterday, and of these fifty died.

One of the Chinese medical men, Dr Liu Shi Ming, who went north to fight the plague, has become infected.

The authorities are now confining all their energies to preventing the disease spreading; but little can be done for those who are stricken.

A STRICKEN CITY.

Shantung is a city of the dead. Its population of 40,000 has been reduced by the dreadful scourge to 15,000. The city is now isolated by the military, a cordon of troops preventing any from entering or leaving.

From Shantung 22 cases of plague reported to-day. Eight have proved fatal. Eleven deaths occurred since morning at Paoingfu, while additional cases are reported here and at Peking, but up to the time of writing no deaths occurred.

Tientsin, 9.50 p.m.

Sixty new cases are reported from Mukden this evening. Forty persons have died.

Two deaths occurred this afternoon in the Austrian concession here.

Serious news has reached me from the south. The epidemic has spread along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway line, and almost every village, for miles, is now infected. Deaths are numerous.

The authorities have stopped the trains.

HEROIC DOCTOR.

We were shocked to learn here to-day that Dr. Jackson, of the well-known Shanghai doctors, Jackson, Hannoll and Jackson, is dying of the pest at Mukden.

He arrived there only last week, but devoted himself heart and soul to fighting the dread disease and while he could did heroic work.

It is reported that numerous cases of plague are now occurring in Tientsin, Native City, but it is impossible to verify them owing to the Chinese Government's policy of reticence.

All traffic has now been stopped by Imperial Edict on the Imperial Railways of North China from Shantung and Tongku to the South.

HOW INDIA VIEWS THE OUTBREAK.

The "Advocate of India" says:—Our last epidemic in Bombay had its origin in Hongkong, of that there seems to be but little doubt, and began at Moulvi. The transmission of plague from one Chinese port to another is not a difficult matter, and the commerce between those ports and Bombay is sufficient to import the disease at any time. Wherefore it behoves us to take special precautions.

THE HANKOW FRACAS.

BUSINESS RESUMED IN THE CITY.

("Sheung Po" Service.)

Hankow, January 26.

Trade is being gradually restored here after the unfortunate incident of the killing of the ten Chinese by Indian police.

The shops in the city were all closed after the affair and business was at a standstill, but to-day they have reopened and trade has been resumed.

THE HOSPITAL.

The result was the result of the accidental killing of a ricksha, coolie by a policeman. It broke out in the British Concession, and quickly assumed such

ugly proportions that the British and German volunteers were mobilised, and both H.M.S. "Thistle" and G.M.S. "Jugurtha" landed men and quick-fires. The mob were fired on and ten persons were killed. The casualties included several Europeans, among them a number of sailors, and the Customs Troops, who was severely wounded. The entire business of the city was suspended, and the precautionary measures taken were not abandoned until a day or two later.

The Viceroy of Wu-chang sent 2,000 native troops to restore order.

CHINA AND KING GEORGE.

IMPERIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CORONATION.

("Sheung Po" Service.)

Peking, Jan. 25.

His Highness Prince Tsai-jun, eldest son of Prince Ching, has been appointed by Imperial Decree to represent the Emperor of China at the coronation King George V.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT TO HAVE CHARGE OF MILITARY.

("Sheung Po" Service.)

The Duke of Connaught has been invited (says the "Pall Mall Gazette") to take command of the whole of the troops which will be assembled in London for the Coronation, the military arrangements for which are now well advanced.

To line the streets on the day of the actual ceremony, and when the King and Queen make their progress through the heart of the metropolis, 60,000 regular troops will be required. Those will be drawn from nearly every garrison in the kingdom, the bulk coming, of course, from Aldershot. The territorials also will be largely used for lining the route. Practically all the metropolitan volunteers will be under arms, and the provincial

territorials will be represented by the corps of which the King is colonel-in-chief.

The contribution of the Royal Navy will amount to nearly 3,000 men, and by direction of the King they will provide the guard of honour outside Westminster Abbey, as well as occupy a leading position in the royal procession.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA WILL HAVE THRONE.

An interesting feature of King George's coronation will be the provision of a third throne for Queen Alexandra. This will be placed on the left of the King's coronation chair, Queen Mary being on the right. The two Queen's chairs will be identical in height, and each will be two steps lower than that of the King.

Westminster Abbey will be closed to the public from the middle of February, when it will be handed over to the Office of Works. When this takes place a complete transformation in the interior of the building will begin.

At the crowning of King Edward at least 7,000 spectators were present. This number is likely to be considerably exceeded, since King George has ordered

that accommodation shall be provided for members of the House of Commons and their ladies. Two tickets will be available for every member, and these will be issued early in the new year.

Each member of the House of Lords is entitled to a ticket for the ceremony and another for his lady, and these demands must be satisfied before any other claims are considered, even those of foreign royalties or their representatives.

Extra accommodation will be provided by erecting galleries in the chapel of

King Edward the Confessor, which commands an excellent view of the whole ceremonial. Similar galleries were built prior to the coronation of King Edward, but were not used, because it was feared that they might obstruct the view of distinguished visitors.

COMPANY REPORT.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

The fifth report of the Board of Directors to the ordinary meeting of shareholders to be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, at 12 o'clock noon, on Saturday, the 4th February, 1911, is as follows:—

Gentlemen.—The directors have now to submit to you a general statement of the affairs of the Company, and balance sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1910.

The net profits for the year, including \$304,118.17 brought forward from last account, after paying all charges and writing off the sum of \$10,123.62 from Loans Receivable, amount to \$273,294.73. It is now proposed to pay a dividend of 7 per cent on the paid up capital after providing for which and writing off directors' and auditor's fees, there remains a balance of \$202,609.78 to be carried to credit of a new Profit and Loss Account.

Directors.—Messrs. C. S. Gubbay and E. Shillim having resigned, Messrs. S. A. Levy and W. Logan were invited to join the Board and these appointments now require confirmation.

Messrs. S. A. Levy and W. Logan now retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. O'D. Gourdin, who now retire and are recommended for re-election.

WIRELESS.

IMPORTANT INVENTION.

Rome, December 16.—Professor Jacovilli, of the Parma University, has invented for the production of Hertzian waves an improved appliance which is likely to revolutionise wireless telephony. The invention secures a more intense and continuous waves, and increased wave length. Signals influenced by the new appliance are received with extraordinary force and clearness.

CRICKET.

United Services v. Hongkong, January 30th and 31st. The following will represent the United Services:—

Lt.-Col. L. A. H. Hamilton, Capt. H. K. Hughes, Lieut. C. R. T. Thorpe, Lieut. A. U. Collis-Browne, 1st K.O.Y.L.I., Capt. D. Clapham, Capt. G. E. Garnett, Lieut. H. G. Bagnall, R.G.A., Lieut. E. J. H. Haughton, 10th M.L.I., Lieut. Murray, Lieut. Ward, Mr. G. A. Cook, R.N.

THE NEW YEAR.

HOW ROBBERS ENTERED A HOUSE.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.]

Conton, Jan. 25.

On the 22nd instant, the house occupied by Choung Kwai Sun and family in Hoik Yuen Lane, was entered by robbers. It appears that there was a knock at the door, and when the inmates enquired as to the cause the robbers replied that they had New Year's presents, in the form of dried meat, for the master of the house.

The door was opened and the desperadoes rushed in, and ransacked the house. The police arrived but no arrests were made.

THE BIORAMA.

THE BRITISH AND THE MOVING PICTURE.

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The manager of a moving picture show deplores the fact that British actors and actresses do not make good subjects for this form of acting, as so much depends on gesticulation, and it is admitted that we as a race fail in this. Moreover, the British actor finds it hard to take the matter seriously, an example of which is given.

A thrilling scene was being prepared where a murderer is pursued by blood hounds and shot. When the pictures were thrown on the screen, the interested manager saw that all the actors—corps, villain, and pursuer—were wearing broad grins. The dogs were the only serious people in the play.

One can imagine what the manager said as five hundred feet of grin flickered before him. On the whole, though, one prefers our national habit of self-restraint, even if we have to leave the biograph field to French and Italian actors. Gesticulation may be necessary to moving pictures, but it is apt to pall in ordinary conversation. The vivacious gentleman who brings every muscle into play when speaking, and uses eyebrows, shoulders, and hands to emphasise his speech, is rather a tiresome companion. A deaf mate would appreciate it, but it is our custom to say what we have to say, without "throwing ourselves about," as the irascible small boy said. In a foreigner it looks natural enough, and we are glad to see it, since we do not want all races moulded on the one pattern, but the Britisher cannot gracefully use "apt gesticulation's artful aid" (to vary the plot).

The Hongkong Royal Yacht Club's regatta and smoking concert, which was postponed on account of the death of Rear-Admiral Gubler, will take place on February 11.

A long letter in the current British Medical Journal on "State Sickness" is entirely non-political, and has no bearing on the nervous debility of the Government. Nor does a note on "Dublin Gas" in the Lancet include a single reference to Mr. Rodmond. Now cold these class journals are to passing events!

Prodigies are no longer exponents of the fine arts—unless swindling be a fine art. From Boston comes the news of a boy stockbroker who has "disappeared" after having swindled older people out of important sums. One of his victims is, it is said, a Scotch comedian. Truly, the boy stockbroker must have been a genius.

The opening of the Bellview Hotel's open air skating rink takes place to-night, and the management is working hard to make the event a great success.

The feature of the night will be a masquerade carnival, in which prizes will be given for the best dressed lady and the most attractive costume. A prize will also be awarded to the most comic gentleman. A carnival on skates has never been held in the colony, and the proprietor is to be commended on the idea. Late cars will run from the hotel gate to the Central Market at 11.00 p.m.

To-day's Advertisement.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

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THE 27TH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, St. George's Building, 6 Connaught Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 11th February, 1911, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December 1910, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from MONDAY the 6th to SATURDAY the 11th February 1911, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 26th Jan., 1911.

The Weather Forecast.



On the 26th at 11.50 a.m.—The barometer has fallen considerably over S. China and Tongking, and risen a like amount on the N.E. coast of China and at Vladivostok.

A depression lies over S. China. It extends from Tongking to the Lower Yangtze valley.

The depression lying over the northern shores of the Sea of Japan yesterday, is passing to the Pacific to the North of Hokkaido.

High pressure now covers Manchuria. Light rain may be expected over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST District.

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood, E. and S. E. winds, fresh to moderate.

2.—Formosa Channel, same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lantau, same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, same as No. 1.

A PEER INTO THE FUTURE.

Gladstone League, Gladstone League, Gladstone League, onward.

Frightfully out of breath.

Rushed the Five Hundred.

"Forward the Bright Brigade!"

Charge not too high!" he said:

Frightfully out of breath.

Rushed the Five Hundred.

Redmond to right of them,

Redmond to left of them,

Redmond in front of them.

Volley'd and thunder'd;

Stormed at by shot and shell,

Taunted by Christabel,

Frightfully out of breath.</p

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Hongkong, 16th January, 1911.

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DELHI, About Freight and Passage.

LONDON, VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL, Capt. Gordon, u.s.m. 4th Feb.

NUSIA, About Freight and Passage.

PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID, Capt. F. J. Fox, 8th Feb.

SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, Capt. Phillip, About Freight and Passage.

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Hongkong, 25th January, 1911.

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PLAY IN AUCTION BRIDGE.

RESPONSE OF THE DEALER'S PARTNER
TO THE OPENING DECLARATION—
THE SAFETY BID.

What response should the partner of the dealer at auction bridge make to the opening declaration? It is one of the early questions which arises when the game is studied. Presumably, the dealer has bid according to the rules of the game, which must be understood before any systematic conversation between the partners may be effective, for, while it would be contrary to every rule at bridge to give the partner any information as to the contents of one's hand, it is the duty, and, indeed, an important obligation at auction, to make all bids so that they shall carry such information as may be used most effectively in the future bidding, and in the play and development of the combined hands as the game progresses.

In order to fully understand the position of the dealer's partner, suppose that he has made the following bids, beginning with the lowest one of "one spade." This is called the "safety bid," and, while it precludes the possibility of any attacking strength, it does not mean that the dealer holds a hand devoid of any strength whatever. In fact, the holder of hand which has correctly bid "one spade" may become an assisting hand to the partner after every bid has been heard from. The one spade declared tells his partner that he has no decided strength in any one suit, and also that his hand does not alone hold the component parts which would justify a no-trump. Therefore, if the third player holds a poor hand, he should pass, because he prefers to take advantage of the protection which is offered by limiting the loss of a "one-spade make" to 100 points, rather than to run the risk of being heavily penalized for a failure to carry out his contract.

Rarely, indeed, is the one-spade declarer left with his bid, for it stands to reason that, with weakness in two hands, the cards must be somewhere, and the fourth bidder generally makes an effort to win the game with either a no-trump or heart bid. This state of affairs is emphasized if the second player has passed, for then fourth hand must hold considerable strength, and under such circumstances third hand should beware of declaring a weak no-trump, for, if he does, fourth hand will most likely double, and, having the lead, will make the game an expensive one for the no-trump declarer. Under such circumstances, third hand should make a declaration only of a nature to show his partner what to lead when the inevitable no-trump comes from fourth hand—narrowly enough to cover his own hand, and to show his bid.

A bid of one club from the dealer suggests a no-trump declaration. The dealer says that he can take care of the club suit, so, if third hand has protection in spades and one red suit, or even no spade strength, with both red suits well protected, but with neither strong enough to declare red, he should without hesitation say "one no-trump." The declaration of one diamond is an indirect invitation to the partner to bid hearts, as the game can be more readily won on that than on a diamond make. Third hand must be careful, however, not to take the diamond make away from his partner when he has only moderate strength in the hearts and only a good assistance to the diamonds. He must carefully measure the value of the red suits against each other, counting carefully the length and strength of each red suit in comparison with the other. If third hand holds strength in both black suits, and his diamonds are not capable of assisting or of sustaining the diamond declaration (for instance, if he holds two or three below the ten), he should say one no-trump, because that offers a better opportunity of winning the game, and if it is doubled can easily be changed to two diamonds.

Sometimes the third bidder may find himself dangerously weak in the diamond suit, but unable to bid no-trump, his only holding being either a great spade or club suit, headed by ace, king, queen. He should then over-bid the diamond suit in spades or clubs as a warning to his partner that he cannot help him in the suit he has declared, and also that his hand can offer no assistance of value at a no-trump declaration.

Occasionally, the dealer may offer a two-trick call of either spades, clubs, or diamonds when the score of the declarant stands at 100. This announces the greatest assistance at a no-trump

declaration, and third hand should bid no-trumps, if holding any hand which would be a light no-trump at bridge. Indeed, all that his requirement is strength in no black and in one red suit, and, if the other side is well advanced on the score, he may even bid "one no-trump" on one thoroughly established black suit, and that means a black suit, that can hold its own from the start no matter how the outstanding cards may lie.

Generally when the dealer has said "one heart," the third bidder should not interfere. If he changes the bid, it can only mean a note of warning that the third bidder is at the mercy of the adversaries with hearts as trumps; that he is either cheating in hearts, or else that with his hand on the table the exposure of the heart situation in his hand would prove fatal to the success of that as trumps. But even should he find himself thus weak in hearts, he would hesitate to bid two clubs unless the clubs are exceptionally strong that they would be of assistance at a no-trump declaration, or two diamonds, unless from a set-up suit of diamonds. He may properly go to "one no-trump" if he is exceedingly weak in hearts, and has the three other suits fully protected. If, after the third bidder's warning, his partner goes back to the original declaration, the third player must not again interfere, as his partner has taken the responsibility of the hand upon himself. There are times when the third bidder is sorely tempted to take his partner's "one heart" bid away from him by declaring one no-trump. This happens when he holds an honour in hearts and a reasonably strong outside hand. This should not be done, as it takes only one more trick to win the game at a heart declaration than it does at no trumps, and, if the hand is strong enough to justify a no-trump make, the needed trick can undoubtedly be won at hearts. The only reason for ever changing from the partner's heart declaration is a dangerous weakness in the hearts.

Usually third bidder should not overbid his partner's one-trump call. The one exception is when he holds little or nothing in the other suits, and has a set-up suit of hearts, which means length as well as strength—through honour and a suit of five or six. With such a holding he should not hesitate to overall, "saying two hearts" for the very same reason that he would not take a heart call away from his partner. His bid leaves the final decision, in any event, to his partner, who, after having been told that the heart suit will be taken care of, can judge at which of the two declarations the combined hands may be played with greatest success.

THE PIECE-GOODS TRADE.

BIO RISE IN PRICES IN INDIA.

Calcutta, Jan. 5.

Referring to the questions of piece-goods prices the "Englishman" writes, "The news of the shortage of cotton in America has already made its effect felt in the piece-goods market in Calcutta as elsewhere. Retailers have advanced their prices and there seems to be no prospect of reverting to the low figures of 1908. For the consumer in India the outlook is by no means rosy as, with the big prices of foodstuffs and inordinate house rent in the large towns, he has now to face the problem of dear cloth, while there appears to be little or no foundation for the statement that the shortage of cotton would spread over a period of four or five years. It is more the less true that manufacturers and spinners are looking forward to handsome profits. In Calcutta, the prices have approximately risen twenty per cent, as compared with those obtaining last year, and up to August next they must either remain at their present level or advance further, but there will be no set back to what extent the prices will rise."

It is impossible to say at the present moment, but as soon as all speculation as to the exact outcome of the American crop is set at rest the question will no longer remain in doubt. As it is, speculators are making the most of the opportunity afforded them by uncertainty of the cotton crop in America. The arrival of piece-goods in Calcutta show no signs of falling off so far, and the consumption has not been affected, but later on if there is a sudden rise in prices the sales in India might be reduced. Generally speaking, the piece-goods business in Calcutta is in a healthy condition. It has revived considerably recently and the bad times of the past three years seem to have come to an end.

Sometimes the third bidder may find himself dangerously weak in the diamond suit, but unable to bid no-trump, his only holding being either a great spade or club suit, headed by ace, king, queen. He should then over-bid the diamond suit in spades or clubs as a warning to his partner that he cannot help him in the suit he has declared, and also that his hand can offer no assistance of value at a no-trump declaration.

Occasionally, the dealer may offer a two-trick call of either spades, clubs, or diamonds when the score of the declarant stands at 100. This announces the greatest assistance at a no-trump

Intimations.

OF THE MULTITUDES

who have used it, or are now using it, we have never heard of any one who has been disappointed in it. No claims are made for it except those which are amply justified by experience. In commanding it to the afflicted we simply point to its record. It has done great things, and it is certain to continue the excellent work. There is—
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CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Government Notice No. 9 of 13th inst. the EX-CHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 31st and 1st, idem, respectively, Hongkong, 24th January, 1911. [84]

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(1) That Article No. 70 of the Articles of Association of the Company, which now reads:—
"The Directors shall have power from time to time and at any time to issue it to any person to be Directors, but so that the total number of Directors shall not exceed seven and so that no appointment under this clause shall have effect unless two-thirds at least of the Directors concur therewith," be amended by eliminating the word "seven" in the third line of such Article and by substituting therefor the words "two-thirds at least" in the fourth line of such Article and by substituting the words "a majority" thereof.

(2) That Article No. 72 of the Articles of Association of the Company, which now reads:—
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be amended by eliminating therefrom the words "provided that such profits amount to ten per cent. of the capital of the Company" in the third and fourth lines thereof and by substituting in their place the words:—
"provided that such commission shall not in any one year exceed the sum of \$5,000."

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"The remuneration of the General Managers shall be \$1,000 per annum to cover office rent and salaries of Secretary and clerks and a commission of five per cent. of the net profits of the Company for each year that such profits amount to seven per cent. of the Capital of the Company,"

be amended by eliminating the words "that such profits amount to seven per cent. of the Capital of the Company" in the third and fourth lines thereof and by substituting in their place the words:—
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THE
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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JAN. 26, 1911.

THE STUDENT PROBLEM.

It is satisfactory to note that the "National Review," the most responsible as well as the best-informed organ of Chinese public opinion in existence, is emphasising the need of tackling the "Chinese student problem."

It is one of the most serious that China has to face at the present time, and, indeed, is of such a nature that it becomes intensified with every addition to the already numerous vehicles of the higher education. This is the case because the authorities have neglected, and still are neglecting, to supply adequate primary education. This has led naturally to the occupation of the schools by bodies of students who have never been subjected to the wholesome restraint of the discipline of the primary class.

Under such conditions, it is no matter for wonder, though it requires careful thought, that the majority of Chinese students show in an extraordinary degree that hot-headedness and lack of restraint common to college men of most countries. They are learning to run before they can walk, and the result is proving disastrous. Witness the

recent disturbances at Tientsin and Peking. There the students, so behaved that the military forces were called out to preserve law and order and when the young gentlemen had been compelled to bow to duly constituted authority they at once set about seeking means to embarrass the Government, with the result that they have decided to hold conferences in the capital during the present New Year Holidays. This, of course, is intolerable, and the example of the Hongkong Government in suspending two hundred students of Queen's College and refusing to allow a single one of them to return to his studies except on payment of a fine of ten dollars, is one that should be followed by the educational authorities. We do not wish to throw cold water upon the various efforts to increase educational facilities in China, or to dampen the ardour of those responsible for university schemes, but it is as well to look facts in the face, and the outstanding fact, putting it mildly, is that the average Chinese college man is quite unfitted for his position; he is a rudderless bark abroad on an unknown sea, and the spectacle which India presents to-day is not to be reproduced in China; he must be brought to realise the principles of control. We know that the Chinese are grateful for and deeply appreciate such assistance as will be given them by the Hongkong University, which we should all encourage by every means in our power, and aid in its rapid completion and equipment, and yet with the "National Review" we agree that such institutions are liable to disarrangement, because of the great lack in the Chinese educational system,—absence of primary schools. The "Review" voices the best opinion in the country when it says that the great bulk of the educational energy of the Central Government ought to be expended upon primary education of a practical kind, for the higher branches of learning are after all for the very few. Witness the example of India, and in lesser degree Egypt, before us, we must realise the kindergartens for the many and colleges for the few are China's pressing need.

HONGKONG DAY
BY DAY.

Shareholders in the Humphreys Estate Co. meet to-morrow.

The Nord, which is in long-continued repair at Kowloon, is now out of dock.

The Gorgon Mail of the 24th Dec. was delivered in London on the 25th inst.

"Big-ba-in" is anticipated to be done on the railway during Chian New Year.

A Chinaman got twelve months' and six hours' stocks to-hang for returning from punishment.

The meetings of the Wan Po Point Building Co. and the Lantau Investment Co. are to be held to-morrow.

Mei Cheung forwards us a number of excellent photographs of the procession to and from the Cathedral, where the service in memory of Admiral Gehler was held.

Tourists are at present taking great interest in sketching the different beautiful spots in the Colony. Yesterday, a lady tourist was sketching Flower Street.

Mrs. C. H. Hickling, wife of Rev. Hickling, is expectant here on the P. & O. S. S. More, due 8th prox. Mrs. Hickling left Hongkong April to visit relatives at home.

Mr. Lawrence F. Townsend, hon. co. of the Royal Hongkong Arctic Club, desires us to state that the regatta and swimming contest will be held on Saturday, the 11th February.

At the Club Germania, all the members will gather to-morrow evening to celebrate the birthday of the German Emperor. The dinner will begin at 9 p.m., and the Consul, Dr. E. A. Vonzseck, will be the host.

The Viceroy of the two Kiangs, His Excellency Chang Jen-tsun, has sent a communication to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, requesting that a memorial should be presented to the Throne to confer a double dragon star on De Rijke, engineer in chief of the Whampoa Conservancy, on the completion of his services.

Gunner H. Tillman and Sapper A. Harlow have resigned from the Volunteers.

Ali Fong has some splendid photos of the ceremony over the remains of the late German Admiral.

Moors, D. G. M. Bernard, W. G. Worcester, E. E. de D. Abney have joined the Volunteers.

The Garrison Cup for the races has been obtained and forwarded to the Clerk of the Course of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

The 3rd monthly shot of the No. 1 Company, H.K.V.A., takes place at 2.15 p.m. on Sunday, the 20th, at King's Park Range.

To-night Mr. W. Smart, of the "Morning Post," will give a lecture at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. on "Journalism." It should be of great interest to all members.

It will interest his numerous friends in the north to learn that the Bishop Broad has seen Dr. Jeffries, of St. Luke's Hospital, Shanghai, in London. The energetic medico has been in very indifferent health, but hopes soon to return to the field of his labour.

Major-General C. A. Anderson, C.B., and the officers of the Garrison will be "At Home" on the Cricket Ground on Monday, January 30th, and by kind permission of Lieutenant Hamilton and the officers the band of the 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.I. will play.

CHINESE FINANCE.

LOCAL MEN HIT HARD.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, Jan. 25. As already reported in your column a little while ago, Man Yuen Tai, an indigo dealer, has failed with liabilities of some ten thousand dollars to the China Export and Import Bank Co., Hongkong. The emporador had acted as surety for the bankrupt firm on goods delivered on credit. The emporador has petitioned the local authorities in Canton to the effect that the Lai Sun, in Canton, and Lai Fat, in Fat Shan, were branches of the insolvent firm. The petitioner begged that these two shops be sealed up and their goods checked.

It is now reported that the Nam Hoi Magistrate had sent for the managers of the two respective shops.

They deposed that the shop were neither agents for the German firm nor branches of Man Yuen Tai. They admitted that the father of the master of Man Yuen Tai was a partner of the Lai Sun to the value of \$1,500. The Lai Sun and Man Yuen Tai had accounts with each other with respect to money and goods. The insolvent firm had overdrawn on Lai Sun a large sum of money which could not be covered by the amount of Tso Pit Sui's share in the business, who is the father of the proprietor of Man Yuen Tai.

The Nam Hoi Magistrate discovered that Lai Fat could not be brought into this dispute, as Lai Sun's interest in this firm was very small, being \$500.00 in shares, and he requested the petitioners to look for Tso Pit Sui, the father of the proprietor of Man Yuen Tai, before the case could be heard.

The Nam Hoi Magistrate has reported the same to the German Consul at Shantou.

FIRE AT YAUMATI.

FOUR OUTBREAKS WITHIN
THREE HOURS.

The Yaumati Fire Brigade was kept busy from twelve o'clock last night to 3 a.m. this morning. During that time they were called out to four outbreaks, all of which were small affairs. One man was arrested on the scene of the fourth outbreak.

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The next one was at 1.45 a.m., in which a fire in the Vegetable Market, opposite the Pumping station, was burned down.

The third one was at Ming Kok Tsui at 2 a.m., in which another match was burned out. The fourth and last was also at Ming Kok Tsui, at 2 a.m., in which a fishing hut was set on fire.

The damage was small.

OUR
CONTEMPORARIES.

WHAT THEY THINK.

China Mail.

ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS.

We agree with the "Times" when it says that no responsible statesman in England would ever shirk that frank and voluntary exchange of views which the Chancellor very courteously suggests if there were any overt antagonism between the political and economic interests of Great Britain and Germany which lost itself to discussion. We have no quarrel with the German people nor they with us, and if only the *anglophiles* of yellow journalism could be totally suppressed the hopes for a thorough and complete understanding between us would soon be abundantly realised. As we have said for the moment things must remain as they are, but we shall indeed be surprised if the German Chancellor's hint that his Government would willingly welcome proposals calculated to lead to a rapprochement between England and Germany on political-economic grounds, is allowed to pass without bringing forth from our Government a further disclosure of the disastrous wishes of the British people.

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[Special Article.]

Bishop Brent Interviewed.

THE OPIUM QUESTION.

ROOSEVELT AND AMERICAN POLITICS.

Dr. Brent, the well-known and much esteemed Bishop of the Philippines, has just passed through Hongkong en route to Manila, whither his Lordship left to-day by the German boat.

Dr. Brent, who was the guest of Bishop Landor, is a man of the most genial disposition, and very cordially granted an interview last evening to a representative of the *Hongkong Telegraph*.

His Lordship went to England about eight months ago to attend the World's Missionary Conference, which was held in Edinburgh. As its name implies, the conference had to deal with questions connected with the entire field of mission work the world over.

"It was the most remarkable gathering I have ever attended. Every delegate was firm in his conviction, but fair to the conviction of others, and a patient hearing was given to every question submitted to the missionary problem," said his Lordship.

"The question whether the educational efforts of the different missionary bodies in China should in future bear a more homogeneous character was fully discussed. There were 'visées' on both sides of the question, but the Conference of opinion that changes should be made at the cost of decreased efficiency."

"Religious and medical missions," observes the Bishop, "seem to command no general interest."

As to the opium question, his Lordship said it had been most extensively discussed at the conference, and the upshot was that a delegation, headed by Dr. M. A. Bishop of Durham, a brother of Dr. M. A. Bishop of Mid-China, presented a memorial to the British Government urging a speedy cessation of the opium traffic. It is known, however, that four out of the Powers had already agreed to an international conference on the subject, to be held at The Hague, but the date has not yet been fixed.

"Your Lordship has no doubt heard that Sir Alexander Hosie, following the result of all the provinces in China to follow, on behalf of the British Government, has for the Chinese Government is keeping to its engagement with regard to opium cultivation throughout the empire," our representative asked.

"I am personally acquainted with Sir Alexander, and have every confidence in any statistics that he may be able to give," replied the Bishop.

With regard to the long-ago question in the Philippines, Dr. Brent is of opinion that on the whole the educational work of the Government has been creditable. The Government has met with grave difficulties, perhaps because it has not emphasized the technical side of public education, but that defect has now been remedied. However, in two years hence the lagarza of the Law Courts in the Philippines will be English instead of Spanish as hitherto.

Dr. Brent having said that he had also visited the States to attend a Convention of the Episcopal Church there, our representative availed himself of the opportunity thus afforded to ask about the political situation in America.

"I saw Roosevelt in London and later on in America. At the present time he is not taking any active part in politics, since the defeat of the Republican party in November last. But Roosevelt has not finished his political career yet. He is the interest of the country too much at heart. The Republicans would have been defeated by any means, and Roosevelt has simply been made the scapegoat."

Such is Bishop Brent's impression of the trend of politics in the United States.

INDO-CHINESE OPIUM TRADE.

Allahabad, Jan. 4.—Telegrams received from Hongkong show that the local opium market is a good deal affected by the recent announcement of the action to be taken by the Government of India in the matter of the drug to China, and it is asserted that inevitable results will be an increase of smuggling, particularly through Singapore.

Calcutta, Jan. 5.—Negotiations are still proceeding between the British and the Chinese Government regarding the future of the opium trade. It is understood, according to the latest Chinese proposals, that the fresh agreement will be for seven years.—*Bombay Gazette*.

BILLIARDS.

SOLDIERS' CLUB TOURNAMENT.

Two more matches were played last night at the Soldiers' Club in connection with the above tournament. The first game was that between Sergeant Turner, R.G.A., and Sergeant Trotman. The scores in this game were, Turner 250, and the latter 210. Turner made the best break of the game, a 91.

The next game was played between Quarter-Master-Sergeant Storham, R.G.A., and Sapper Cox, R.E. The game was a slow one from start to finish. At the opening stage Cox made a 15, and this was immediately followed by Storham with a 23. The scores were pretty even all the way till 159 was reached, when Storham gradually increased his lead until his score stood at 250, when Cox was only 211. The former played a cool game throughout.

The last two games will take place to-night, and this will be drawn between Master-Gunner Brown, and Murrie, of the R.G.A., and Sappers Brown and Bielby of the R.E.

The Army Ordnance Corps will meet the Hongkong Volunteer Reserves on Friday night.

The following are the up-to-date scores of the R.G.A. and R.E. teams:

R.G.A.	
Col. Chamber	221
Major Kirk	250
M. G. Fuller	250
Capt. Crawford	250
Sergt. Turner	250
Q. M. S. Storham	250
Total	1,474
R.E. "B" Team	
Capt. R. H. ...	250
Sapper Brown	176
Capt. Regan	183
Capt. Carpenter	116
Sergt. Trotman	216
Sapper Cox	211
Total	1,183

The R.G.A. is so far in a lead of 285 points.

BOXING.

Bill Lewis had a stiff four three-minute rounds with Captain yesterday afternoon at the Bell View Hotel. A large gathering of interested spectators watched the proceeding. This completed his heavy work, and for the next few days he will not be doing much by day light exercise.

Roy Stanton worked yesterday at the V.R.C. and also put in some good work with his sparring partners. Pigott and Aron 'o'.

This will no doubt be one of the best fights ever witnessed at the City Hall, as both are confident of carrying off honours. Other good bouts have also been arranged for Saturday next.

The British champion, when 1911 arrived, wrote:—Heavy, Ian Hague; middle, Jim Sullivan; welter, Young Joseph; light, Freddie Welsh; feather, Jim Price; and bantam, Digger Stanley. I wonder how many will retain the title till 1912.—*Asian*.

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

The quarterly meeting was held at the Happy Valley from 21st to 23rd inst. with the following results:

MACFEE CUP.

Gross. H'cap. Net.

A. C. E. Elbrough 94 13 81
Rev. Foster Pegg 83 sc. 83

A. Mackenzie 98 10 83
J. Clark 86 1 85

Capt. Nicholas 99 9 90
W. Jolly 102 10 92

28 entries.

Strokes received. Down.

A. Mackenzie 8 1
M. A. Murray 3 2

A. W. W. Walkinshaw 1 3
Rev. Foster Pegg sc. 3

Capt. Nicholas 7 4

Lt. Col. Chamier 8 5

81 entries.

Root.

A. Mackenzie 8 1
M. A. Murray 3 2

A. W. W. Walkinshaw 1 3
Rev. Foster Pegg sc. 3

J. Clark 1 4

Capt. Nicholas 7 4

Lt. Col. Chamier 3 5

D. W. Trotman 14 6

27 entries.

* Winner of MacEwen Cup.

* Winner of Beavis Cup and Pool.

SMUGGLING CHINESE INTO THE UNITED STATES.

New methods of fighting the Chinese smuggling and yellow slaves in San Francisco will probably be adopted by the immigration authorities, says the "San Francisco Chronicle." Inspector Harry Edsell, specially commissioned to investigate the service at this port, has recommended to Washington a new mode of coping with smugglers.

Edsell sent a report of his investigation to Washington and will continue his work. He is not ready to report on his findings in the investigation of former commissioners of Immigration Hart North. Though he will say nothing touching Hart North, it is understood that North's name has been drawn in the smuggling inquiry and forms part of the report.

The report is a detailed account of the testimony from the 15 Chinese caught several weeks ago as they were being landed from the Manchuria. The methods of recruiting Chinese girls are gone into in detail. The names of men active in the traffic have been obtained.

Armed with this information Edsell has evolved a plan for breaking up the ring. He is reticent regarding it. It is known he has already asked for an increase in the number of inspectors, but his recommendations are more in the nature of a general properly managed crusade against traffic.

He said that valuable information had come into his hands about the ring and that he had a means of curbing its operations. The plan must have the sanction of the department, however, and for this reason he has forwarded his report to Washington.

NEWS FROM THE NORTH.

Duke Tai-tzu has determined to have the Salt Council amalgamated with the Ministry of Finance. The statement will be submitted to the throne next spring, as soon as the new year commences.

Censor Wan Syu memorialized the throne urging the publication of the decision as to the new official system, as that officials and people may be prepared for carrying out the order.

With regard to the denunciation which was made against the Viceroy of the two Kiangs, His Excellency Chang Jen-tsun, by the Senate, on account of the rising of foreign loans in Shanghai, the Viceroy has been instructed by private Imperial orders that hereafter the Viceroy should consult with the National and Provincial assemblies.

The Governor of Chekiang has cabled to the Grand Council, stating that with reference to the decision of the Senate to reduce the administrative expenses in that province, it is feared it may impede the progress of reform. He requests the Throne to reconsider the matter.

The Prince Regent has given instructions to the Grand Councilors, and the Ministers of State Affairs to make haste in deciding the point of establishing a responsible cabinet in order to prevent the people from indulging in suspicion as to their fidelity.

ARMED ROBBERY AT YAUMATI.

It has been reported to the Police that six men, armed with revolvers, entered a shop at Yaumati. On entering they drove the master and son to the back of the premises and ransacked the shop. They disappeared with money and jewellery to the value of \$176.

No arrests have been made up to the time we went to press.

OPIUM SEIZURES.

Two men were charged at the Magistrate, this morning, before Mr. E. R. Halifax, with having in their possession 10 taels, 3 mace of prepared opium, and 10 taels, 6 mace of opium dress.

The men were arrested on board the s.s. Sun Lee. The first defendant denied being the owner of the opium, while the second man admitted being in possession of the stuff.

At this stage his Worship discharged the first defendant, but imposed a fine of \$600 or three months' imprisonment on the second defendant.

* Winner of MacEwen Cup.

* Winner of Beavis Cup and Pool.

END OF AN ILL-FATED STEAMER.

THE BENTHUY SINKS.

Our contemporary, the "Morning Post," to-day described the disaster which has overtaken the Benthuy. An explosion took place on the 3rd, and she was burned out off Anam.

It is interesting to record the fact that she was the *Soragon* of Manila, and came up in 1906 to Hongkong to have a new boiler put in. This was ordered from home, and was landed in the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co's yard.

The vessel lay alongside the sheer legs, had the old boiler lifted out, and whilst the men were preparing to install the new boiler the big typhoon of 1906 came on with remarkable suddenness. The Dock Co. staff were unable to get the vessel moved, in so short a time, to a safe anchorage. She pointed herself against the wall, and finally sank alongside.

She lay there for weeks, when the Dock Co. in order to secure the use of their wharf and sheer legs, purchased the vessel as she lay—a wreck.

They successfully raised and repaired her, and later on fitted her out completely for the late owners, the name of Benthuy being given the vessel. She was re-classed, also, with Lloyd's Register.

CAPTAIN TELLS OF A BIG SMUGGLING RING.

ORGANIZATION EXTENDS TO ALL PARTS OF CHINESE EMPIRE.

Vancouver (B.C.), December 23.—The existence of a great company with headquarters in Canton and Hongkong and branches in all parts of the Chinese empire, having for its purpose the smuggling of Chinese into the United States and Canada, was revealed for the Chinese Commission here to-day by Captain A. J. Loftus of the Steamship Amoy. Captain A. Loftus was formerly officer of the steamer Ocean, on which three Chinese stowaways were discovered in Tacoma last spring. The ship's carpenter at that time, said Loftus, was in league with the chief steward, and seventeen Chinese stowaways escaped from the vessel at Vancouver.

Captain Loftus denied all personal knowledge of China's smuggling, and stated that since the Tacoma incident his company had discovered in Hongkong the smuggling syndicate referred to, and with the aid of the British police in that city, was making every effort to break it up. The chief tallymen on the liners from the Orient were involved. Captain Loftus, referring to statements made by the stowaways in Tacoma, implicating him, said that before the magistrate in Hongkong those same stowaways had said that in Tacoma their evidence was squeezed out of them by the police.

"Music to be heard in perfection should be heard in absolute darkness," remarked a lecturer at Liverpool yesterday. "Oh, listen to the band when the moving pictures are on!"

The "Matin" is a fair-minded paper. We bare our opinion on its statement that the rise of the Soho is due to the bad weather. Our Radical contemporaries would have dragged in something about the Duke.

Held at Grimsby County Police court.—Solicitor (questioning a witness from the country): "I suppose you did not care to be seen talking to this young woman?" Witness: "Oh, I didn't mind. I aren't particular who I talk to. I'd as soon be seen talking to her as be seen talking to you" (roars of laughter, in which the Bench joined). We bet it did.

"Bald?" said the surgical barber, in reply to his customer's question: "I should hardly like to go so far as to say that you were getting bald." Shall we say that there's plenty of room at the top?"

Why was Mr. Lloyd George's skinning morning face disfigured by a hideous scowl yesterday? We will tell you. It was because his eye had been caught by this passage in the Paris "Eclair"—"English politicians have not come down yet to our standard of abuse and vituperation in election campaigns."

In a Berlin theatre the matinee hat problem has been entirely solved by a notice requesting all except middle-aged and elderly females in the stalls to remove their hats. One can always prevent women standing up in a crowd by shouting. "Will the pretty young lady in front please sit down?"

The Lion, by a Board School boy.—"The lion is the king of all animals. It is very fierce. Lion has very big paws. It has a dark brown skin. It is got a piece of hair on its tail and all round its neck. The lion life on men and other things. When the lion is young it is called a cub. The lion are mostly found in woods out in other parts of the world. There life are very unsafe because hunter go out kill them. The lion is very useful. Its skin is used for making fur and other things. Its teeth are very useful. The lion is used for shows. It is used in India."

Wolnord, 1st February. Hongkong Football Shield Competition.

Friday, 10th February. Volunteer Dance.

Friday, 10th February. St. Paul's College, laying of foundation of new school building.

Thursday, 2nd February. Sanitary Board Meeting, 8.45 p.m.

Friday, 10th February.

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VIA MANILA, CAPT. M. WICKER, TOSHI MARU, FRIDAY, 17th Feb., at Noon.
THURSDAY (S- LAND TOWN-SVILLE AND BRISBANE), TOSHI MARU, FRIDAY, 17th Feb., at Noon.

KOBE AND YOKO HAMA, IYO MARU, THURSDAY, 2nd Feb., at 11 A.M.
YAMAGATA, TOSHI MARU, TUESDAY, 7th Feb., at Noon.

NAGASAKI, KOBAYASHI, TOSHI MARU, WEDNESDAY, 15th Feb., at Noon.

SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE, TOSHI MARU, WEDNESDAY, 1st Feb., at Noon.

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Johannae, Ger. s.s., 952, H. T. Pland,	25th Jan.—Singapore 11th Jan., and Tidlow 25th Jan.—J. & G. Bexta, Gen. s.s., 932, Jensen, 25th
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Departures.

Jan. 26.	
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Saigon—Per Jianggang, 27th Jan., 2 p.m.

Saigon—Per Tiauau, 27th Jan., 3 p.m.

Matila, Yap, Angaur, Friederich, Wilhelmsburg, Rabaul, Herbertsho, Matupi, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per Prince Waldemar, 27th Jan., 5 p.m.

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Liwing, Br. s.s., Picknell, 31st Dec.—Hongkong 29th Dec., Coal—J. M. & Co.

Luonggang, Br. s.s., 1,092, F. Wheeler, 24th Jan.—Manila 21st Jan., Singar, Eemp and Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Mario, Ger. s.s., 1,169, Christianen, 19th Jan.—Saigon 18th Jan., Rice and Flour—J. & Co.

Ousung, Chi. s.s., 1,787, E. J. Buller, 21th Jan.—Ching Wang Tao 18th Jan., Gen.—C. E. & M. Co.

Persia, Br. s.s., 2,741, P. Lockett, 16th Jan.—from Manzanillo and Mexico Gen.—Eng Hoi Fong & Co.

Persia, Aus. s.s., 9,770, P. 9, Guiguer, 23rd Jan.—Shanghai 20th Jan.—Gen.—Order.

Proteiste, Br. s.s., 6,104, D. P. Campbell, 22nd Jan.—Tucum 27th Dec., Gen.—Empress of India, 10th Feb., 6 p.m.

Shedding, Br. s.s., 1,307, Wanell, 24th Jan.—Swatow 23rd Jan., Ballast—J. & S.

Singau, Br. s.s., 1,017, F. Jamison, 23rd Jan.—Bangkok 13th Jan., and Hoihow 18th Rice and Wool—J. & S.

Sui Sang, Br. s.s., 1,776, M. Picknell, 31st Dec.—Hongkong 27th Dec., Coal—J. M. & Co.

Tamshing, Br. s.s., 1,440, F. Fisher, 24th Jan.—Singapore 18th Jan., Gen.—L. & C.

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